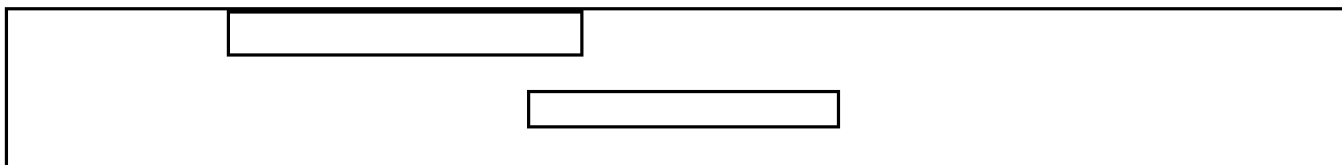


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6. [redacted] Hand carried to Bill Woodruff, on the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee, a "fact sheet" prepared by the O/DDI on the Soviet SS-9 missile and an unclassified photograph of the missile. Woodruff said the "fact sheet" gave him all the information he needed and he was quite interested in the picture which appeared to have been taken when the missile was shown in the Moscow Parade in November, 1967. He said the Chairman might want to make some use of this.

I mentioned to Woodruff that the Director had decided not to send letters to Senator Richard Russell (D., Ga.) and Senator John Stennis (D., Miss.) on the NIE question, which had been raised by Senator J. W. Fulbright (D., Ark.), since the issue may have passed. They will be sent, however, if the subject is brought up again. I added that the Director did not want to trouble the Senators unnecessarily particularly, since both he (Woodruff) and Ed Braswell, Chief of Staff, Senate Armed Services Committee, would be aware of the situation.

Woodruff mentioned the article which appeared in last night's Star indicating that the Civil Service Commission might go along with the Ervin bill if certain changes are made. Woodruff wondered what affect this would have on our problem with the bill. I told him that two of the key provisions which caused the Agency problems might be altered in the bill according to the newspaper account and, as a result, we are checking with the Civil Service Commission and reviewing the situation in the light of this possibility.

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25X1 8. [] Met with Ed Braswell, Staff Director of the Senate Armed Services Committee, to alert him to the situation regarding Senator J. W. Fulbright's (D., Ark.) query to Under Secretary of State Richardson on the subject of availability of national intelligence estimates for the Foreign Relations Committee. I advised Braswell that the Director had prepared letters to Senator Richard Russell (D., Ga.) and Senator John Stennis (D., Miss.) on the problem but was holding them for the moment, since the issue seems to have subsided. Braswell ventured the opinion that Senator Fulbright would not press for the NIEs but was merely testing Under Secretary Richardson. He added, however, that if this question should ever come to issue this was one which would justify invoking executive privilege.

Braswell and I again discussed General Cushman's confirmation hearing. He said the Marine Corps was in almost daily contact with him and that the earliest possible date for a confirmation hearing was 17 April. He said the Committee has scheduled procurement hearings on that date but there is a possibility that they can also schedule the confirmation hearing on the same day. Chairman Stennis has not made a decision on this yet.

Mr. Braswell brought up the subject of the Evening Star article on the Ervin bill and said he assumed that it would be helpful to us if Senator Ervin made the concession reportedly under consideration. He asked what our view would be on this. I told him that our people were contacting the Civil Service Commission today and were in the process of reviewing our position 25X1 in the light of these possible changes.

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